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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.
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This application has been examined Responsive to communication filed on 7/5/94 This action is made final.
Restriction only

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 1 month(s). 0 days from the date of this letter.
 Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

1. Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892.
 2. Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
 3. Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449.
 4. Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152.
 5. Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474.
 6. _____

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

7. Claims 1-24 are pending in the application.
 Of the above, claims _____ are withdrawn from consideration.
 8. Claims _____ have been cancelled.
 9. Claims _____ are allowed.
 10. Claims _____ are rejected.
 11. Claims _____ are objected to.
 12. Claims 1-24 are subject to restriction or election requirement.
 13. This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.
 14. Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.
 15. The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on _____. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are acceptable; not acceptable (see explanation or Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948).
 16. The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on _____, has (have) been approved by the examiner; disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).
 17. The proposed drawing correction, filed _____, has been approved; disapproved (see explanation).
 18. Acknowledgement is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has been received not been received been filed in parent application, serial no. _____; filed on _____.
 19. Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.
 20. Other

EXAMINER'S ACTION

Part III DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restriction

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Group I. Claims 1-23, drawn to a method of amplification of a target polynucleotide molecule, classified in Class 435, subclass 91.2.

Group II. Claim 24, drawn to an instrument for performing assays for target polynucleotides, classified in Class 435, subclass 288.

2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as process and apparatus for its practice. The inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either: (1) the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand, or (2) the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. (M.P.E.P. § 806.05(e)). In this case, the method of invention I does not require the apparatus to be performed and said method may be performed manually in combination with standard laboratory apparatus such as centrifuges and thermocyclers.

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

4. A telephone call was made to Norval Galloway on August 18, 1995 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is advised that the response to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed.

5. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a diligently-filed petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).

6. Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1800 by facsimile transmission via the P.T.O. Fax Center located in Crystal Mall 1. The CM1 Fax Center number is (703) 308-7939. Please note that the faxing of such papers must conform with the notice to Comply published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (Nov 15, 1989).

An inquiry regarding this communication should be directed to examiner Dianne Rees, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703) 308-6565. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, W. Gary Jones, can be reached on (703) 308-1156.

Calls of a general nature may be directed to the Group receptionist who may be reached at (703) 308-0196.

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